many silted up tanks in the Bangalore District?

Mr. M. G. MEHKRI.—May be.

Mr. N. APPANNA REDDY.—If so, should they not make special enquiries and find out how far water in each tank is sufficient for irrigating the entire *atchkat*?

Mr. M. G. MEHKRI.—As I said, if the *atchkatdars* complain, it will be investigated.

Mr. N. APPANNA REDDY.—Is it not possible to build *anecuts* to prevent the silting?

Mr. M. G. MEHKRI.—The department has been doing it all along, wherever necessary and possible.

Mr. N. APPANNA REDDY.—One of the former Executive Engineers is reported to have devised certain measures for preventing silt accumulation. Are they being adopted?

Mr. M. G. MEHKRI.—Wherever restoration is taken up, it will be tried.

Mr. N. APPANNA REDDY.—Even apart from the work of restoration, is it not necessary to devise measures to prevent silting up?

Mr. M. G. MEHKRI.—I agree that it is desirable to do so.

Mr. N. APPANNA REDDY.—If that is done, will it not be possible to increase the storage capacity of the tank?

Mr. M. G. MEHKRI.—Yes, the suggestion will be considered.

Mr. N. APPANNA REDDY.—Will steps be taken in that direction in respect of the 55 tanks intended to be repaired during the current year?

Mr. M. G. MEHKRI.—Yes, to the extent possible.

Repairs to Chikkakere Tank in Gundlupet Taluk.

Q.—20. **Mr. T. THIMMAJAYYA** (Gundlupet—Urban).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) how many years have passed since the breach of Chikkakere (tank), (Vijayapura Amanikere), Gundlupet Taluk;

(*b*) whether there were any petitions by the raiyats of that place requesting the repair of the said tank;

(*c*) what steps have been taken by the Government in this direction;

(*d*) whether they will take immediate steps to repair the said tank?

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(*a*) 25 years.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) As the restoration of this tank was considered unremunerative, a separate small tank was constructed to protect the interests of the *atchkat* lands.

(*d*) This does not arise.

Mr. T. THIMMAJAYYA.—Why is it that no answer is furnished about the restoration of Vijayapura Amanikere?

Mr. M. G. MEHKRI.—The question put by the member was about Chikkakere and not about Vijayapura Amanikere.

Mr. T. THIMMAJAYYA.—The object of the question is to bring to the notice of Government that in summer months all the wells in Vijayapura village get dried up.

Mr. M. G. MEHKRI.—The raising of the bund of the newly constructed tank would increase its storage capacity and be helpful to the wells also.

Mr. T. THIMMAJAYYA.—My suggestion is that the wells will be helped only by raising the waste-weir in cases in which tanks have breached.

Mr. M. G. MEHKRI.—Not if the breach is in the centre. It is not so easy. We shall, however, enquire whether any such thing is practicable.

Feeder Channels to Holavanahalli Tank.

Q.—22. **Mr. S. HANUMANTHARAYAPPA** (Koratagere—Rural).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether it has come to their notice that even though the Holavanahalli tank is full, the water is not sufficient even for raising half the crop;

(*b*) whether water was being led through a feeder channel to the tank when there was the old *anecut* for the Jayamangali river;

(*c*) whether it is not a fact that one of the objects with which the new